

## Message Text

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APPROVED BY EB/OT/TA:RPATTERSON  
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STR:BWILSON

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY QUITO PRIORITY  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA  
AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 191713

US MTN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, MTN, EC

SUBJECT: ECUADORIAN CUSTOMS CLASSIFICATION

1. U.S. FIRMS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT ECUADOR CLASSIFIES  
PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE BEEN SENT OUT OF ECUADOR FOR REPAIR  
AND RETURNED, AS NEW PRODUCTS. DUTIES ARE LEVIED  
BASED ON THE VALUE OF A NEW PRODUCT BEING ENTERED FOR THE  
FIRST TIME.

2. WE ARE CONSIDERING NOTIFYING THIS PRACTICE IN THE MTN  
UNDER PROCEDURES OF CUSTOMS MATTERS SUBGROUP. HOWEVER WE  
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ARE UNABLE TO VERIFY WHETHER THIS COMPLAINT IS VALID.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY INQUIRE AS TO ACCURACY OF COMPLAINT.  
CURRENT TIMING OF NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE REQUIRES THAT WE  
RECEIVE RESPONSE BY PRIORITY CABLE BY AUGUST 17. CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
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